

# Cleanup Programs Assessment Workgroup

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# Key Policy Questions

1. Are there other programs that are or could be used for NPL-like contamination?
2. Are there loopholes that could be closed to prevent future NPL sites?
3. Are there other ways to address, including pay for, mega sites?

# Key Policy Questions, cont.

4. Are there other ways to address, including pay for, smaller sites?
5. How should priorities be set if every site on the NPL cannot be fully funded at the same time?
6. How can the NPL program do more with less (be more efficient)?

# Assumptions

- Approach to other programs:
  - Having a range of clean up program options to address sites is generally okay and should, perhaps, be expanded.
  - At the same time, we should ensure these programs include important features assoc. w/ the NPL – public participation, clean up and liability standards, timely public access to information.

# Assumptions

- Other programs are already used as an alternative to the NPL.
- Even in situations where other programs apply, it is sometimes appropriate to use the NPL because of its unique attributes – e.g., trust fund money, community involvement process.

# Path Forward

- Initially focus on questions 1, 2 and 5.
- Profile ten federal programs for 6 features:
  - General description
  - Types of sites reachable
  - Cleanup standards
  - Cost issues, inc. average cost of cleanup
  - Ability to fund: cash on hand to pay for cleanup and ability to compel RPs to pay
  - Special features, pro and con
- Identify and profile 10 state clean up programs for the same features.

# Path Forward, cont.

- Identify and evaluate a set of state programs for the same 6 features.